

The point of Deuteronomy 5-11: Inspiring a Generation

- ▶ It was horeble at Horeb...“That they would fear Me ... so you shall observe and do...” 5:...29
- ▶ “That your days may be prolonged. O Israel, you should listen...” 6:2-3
- ▶ “The Lord is our God...You shall love the Lord...” 6:4-5
- ▶ “When you eat and are satisfied, then watch yourself... fear only the Lord” 6:11-13
- ▶ “Diligently keep the commandments... that it might go well with you...” 6:17-18
- ▶ “‘We were slaves’... the Lord showed us great signs... it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe...” 6:20-25
- ▶ “Burn their graven images...for you are a holy people” 7:...6
- ▶ “The Lord did not set his love on you...because you were more in number... but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath...know therefore that hte Lord your God...keeps his covenant and lovingkindness to thosw who love him...but repays those who hate Him... therefore you shall keep the commandments...” 7:7-11

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- ▶ “If you listen...He will love you and bless you...” 7:12-13
- ▶ “The Lord your God will send the hornet against [the nations of the lands]...the graven images of their gods you are to burn...” 7:17-26
- ▶ “All the commandments...you shall be careful to do...remember the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years...” 8:1...
- ▶ “Do not forget the Lord by not keeping His commandments...otherwise...then your heart will become proud...I testify against you today that you will surely perish...” 8:11-20
- ▶ “It is the Lord your God who is crossing over before you as a consuming fire...so that you may drive them out...” 9:1-3 (4:...24)
- ▶ “It is not because of your righteousness...Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you but to fear the Lord and to walk in all His ways...” 9:4-10:12...
- ▶ “To the Lord God belong heaven and the highest heavens...yet on your fathers did the Lord set His affection on...so circumscribe your heart...” 10:14-16
- ▶ “[He] does not show partiality...so show your love for the alien...” 10:17-20

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- ▶ “He is your praise...who has done these great and awesome things for you...you shall therefore love the Lord your God, and always keep his charge...” 10:21-11:1
- ▶ “...your own eyes have seen all the great work of the Lord. You shall therefore keep every commandment... so that you may prolong your days in the land” 11:2-9
- ▶ “If you listen...He will give rain...” 11:13-15
- ▶ “Beware that your hearts are not deceived...of the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you...therefore impress these words of mine on your heart” 11:16-18
- ▶ “Write them on the door posts of your house...so that your days...may be multiplied” 11:20-21
- ▶ “Be careful to love the Lord...then the Lord will drive out all these nations...” 11:22-23
- ▶ “I am setting before you a blessing and a curse...if you do not listen... you shall be careful to do all...” 11:26-32

Misc. from Deuteronomy 5-11

- ▶ **I deduce that emphatic, repeated encouragement is necessary to spiritual survival.**
 - ➔ I will read my Bible often.
 - ➔ I will be with/assemble with other faithful Christians often.

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▶ The Supreme Law.

- Love the LORD!
- The purpose of the whole law of Moses, to encourage/develop/nurture love of God. Mt. 22:40 (7:12)
- If you love God you will love man (1 Jn. 4:20).
- If you do not love man, you do not love God (1 Jn. 4:20).
- How develop love (for man and God)?
 - 1 Jn. 5:3

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▶ The Supreme Law of Wisdom.

- Dt. 5:29. Also 9:3 w. 4:24. Note well Hb. 12:29.
- The supremacy of love: Jn. 14:31; 1 Jn. 4:19

▶ The Supreme Lure of Riches.

- *The love of money* _____. (1 Tm. 6:10)
- *It is easier for a camel* _____. (Lk. 18:25)
- Dt. 6:...11-12; 8:...10-11
- May my attitude ever be, “Lord, give me neither _____ nor _____.” (Pr. 30:8-9)
- (N.B.: Define “Need”

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▶ The Supreme Provision.

▶ The Supreme Education for our Children.

- God's word. 6:4-7; 11:19
- *Fathers, do not provoke* _____. (Eph. 6:4. Cf.: Mal. 2:15; Ge. 18:19)

The Same Situation (Us and Them)

▶ **Monotheism is not so new:**

- ESVSB (5:7): *“The Israelites were not the only monotheists in antiquity. The Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaton (c. 1350-1334 BC) worshipped Aton, i.e. the sun god, as the only god.”*
- An Israelite walks into another monotheist’s (or polytheist’s or atheist’s or pantheist’s or deist’s) temple...: *(Two questions; one follows the other)*
 - **“Why** follow him/her/it/that one?”
 - “Is that **actually true/reasonable?**”

▶ **Unrealistic expectations:** Dt. 5:2-5, 23; 11:2-7 (etc.)

- God looked upon the Israelites —incl. successive gens.— as a corporate body.
- Note well: A demonstration for one/at one time was a demonstration for all.
 - Cf. Ac. 17:30-31
 - Application to seeking miracles today: Once the body of teaching was proved to the corporate body of humanity, *why should we expect miracles to have cont.?*

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▶ **Grace is not so new.**

- 9:...6-7...

▶ **Thank God for providing a mediator!**

- 9:18, 20, 25...10:10

- 1 Tm. 2:5 (et al.)

- 1 Jn. 5:16